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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (Original) A driver structure for a stapler, wherein a U-character shaped staple including a pair of leg portions and a crown for connecting the pair of leg portions is pressed and the pair of leg portions pass through a bundle of papers, the driver structure comprising:

first projecting parts formed at opposite end portions on a pressing surface for pressing the staple and configured to press the pair of leg portions perpendicularly when the pair of leg portions pass through the bundle of papers; and

second projecting parts disposed in the vicinity of the first projecting parts and configured to hold the crown in vicinity of the pair of leg portions when the pair of leg portions pass through the bundle of papers.

2. (Currently Amended) The driver structure for a stapler according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second projecting parts have corner portions to engage with the crown.

3. (Currently Amended) The driver structure for a stapler according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it further comprises~~ comprising a third projecting part provided between the second projecting parts to hold the crown of the staple when the pair of leg portions pass through the bundle of papers.

4. (Currently Amended) The driver structure for a stapler according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the third projecting part comprises a crown pressing portion to press the crown.